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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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PRETORIA FOR SECY'S PARTY

FOR E SORENSEN AND AF BOHLEN AND DUNCAN FROM ROGERS AND LOW

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PL 480 WHEAT PROGRAM FOR ZAMBIA

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC AFFIARS

MULEMBA AND FINMIN MWANAKATWE BROUGHT UP WITH SECRETARY
AND UNDER SECY ROGERS, AND LATER WITH AMB LOW, ZAMBIAN
INTEREST IN PL 480 WHEAT PROGRAM ADDITIONAL TO EDIBLE OILS
AGREEMENT JUST CONCLUDED. THEY MENTIONED TEMPORARY
BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS AND IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE
WHICH WHEAT IMPORTS UNDER PL 480 WOULD GIVE ZAMBIA BY
PERMITTING IT TO USE SCARCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE NOW BEING
SPENT FOR WHEAT FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE. THEY ALSO NOTED
ZAMBIAN HOPES THAT AGRICULTURAL SECTOR CAN BE STIMULATED
BY USE OF COUNTERPART FUNDS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT. ROGERS
AND AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT PROMPTLY.

2. THERE IS CURRENTLY A GRAIN AND FLOUR SHORTAGE IN
LUSAKA DRAMATIZING THE NEED FOR SUPPLIES OF WHEAT.

3. UNDER SECY REQUESTS EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY
TO THIS INQUIRY. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR SECRETARY'S
PARTY TO RETURN TO LUSAKA ON MONDAY SEPT 20. WE WISH TO
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GIVE INITIAL RESPONSE TO ZAMBIA'S ON THAT OCCASION.

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